

# Engineer's fall from launch pad still being probed

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(AP) -- NASA says there were no safety gear malfunctions in last week's death of a launch pad worker.

The [engineer](#) fell to his death March 14 from the shuttle [launch pad](#) at Florida's Kennedy Space Center. Endeavour was being prepped for an April liftoff.

[NASA](#) said the worker wasn't wearing a safety harness, nor was he required to be wearing one.

Shuttle program manager John Shannon said in Houston on Thursday that no fall-protection devices failed. And he added that there is no evidence of foul play. The investigation continues.

United Space Alliance employee James Vanover was killed in the fall. The 53-year-old and about to be laid off because the shuttle program is ending.

Vanover was checking for debris on the pad, nearly 200 feet up, when he fell.

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